

# THE NATIONAL HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

for

The Right Reverend Lonnie Cornelius Patton, Jr.

Church of God in Christ

Prelate, Northern California First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



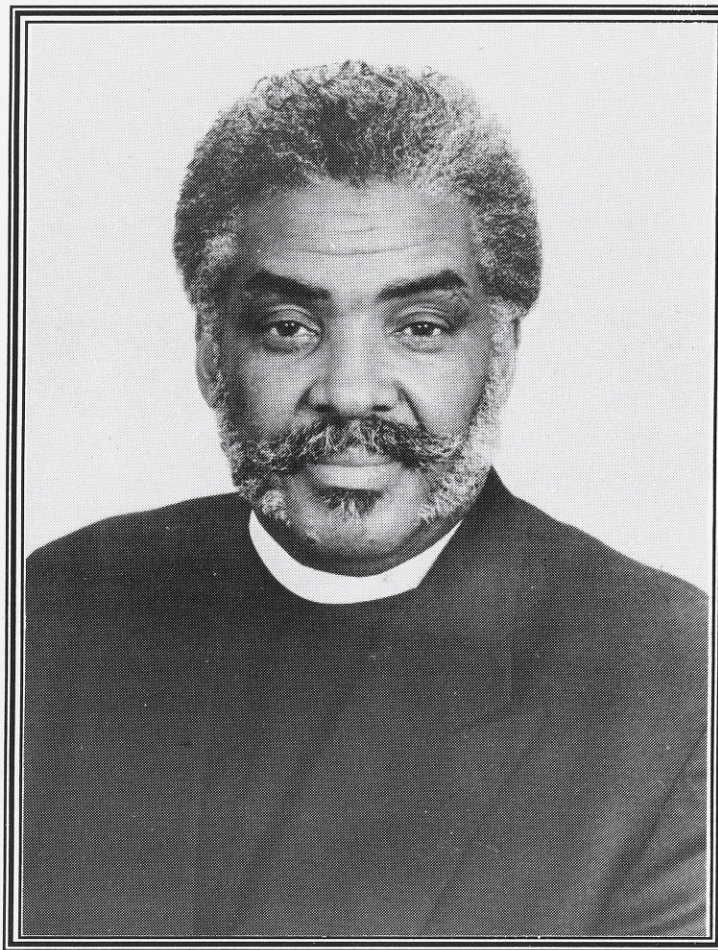
*Thursday, the twenty-third of July  
Ten o'clock in the morning  
Nineteen Hundred, Ninety-eight  
anno Domini*

*Acts Full Gospel  
Church of God in Christ  
1035 66th Avenue  
Oakland, California*

His Grace, THE MOST REVEREND CHANDLER DAVID OWENS  
Church of God in Christ  
Presiding Bishop  
Chief Officiant



## 'Til We Meet Again...



**BISHOP LONNIE CORNELIUS PATTON, JR.**  
1935-1998

*Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need.*

*He lets me rest in the meadow grass,*

*And leads me beside the quiet streams,*

*He restores my failing health and helps me do what honors*

*Him the most;*

*Even when walking through the dark valley of death*

*I will not be afraid,*

*For you are close beside me, guarding, guiding all the way.*

*You provide delicious food for me in the presence of my enemies,*

*You have welcomed me as your guest, blessings overflow,*

*Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me*

*all of my life and afterwards,*

**I WILL LIVE WITH YOU FOREVER IN YOUR HOME.**

*Psalm 23  
(The Living Bible)*

QUIET MOMENTS ..... *The Organist*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ..... *The Bishop*

### THE PROCESSIONAL

*The Adjutant General*

**\*THE PRESIDING BISHOP**

*The Assistant Presiding Bishops*

*The General Board*

*The Bishops*

*The Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders*

*The Visiting Clergy*

*The Family*

*The Sealing of the Bier*

**\*THE HYMN OF COMFORT** ..... *The Choir and Congregation*  
*"We'll Understand It Better By and By"*

**\*THE INVOCATION** ..... *The Bishop*

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 40:28-31

THE CHORAL RESPONSE ..... *The Choir*  
*"And In Jesus, I'm Safe Evermore"*

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Revelation 21:1-7

**\*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH** ..... *The Bishop*

*We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.*

*We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons: God the Father,  
God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.*

*We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is  
in Christ, at His return.*

*We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin, is through repentance and  
faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

*We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal  
salvation.*

*We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the  
human body in answer to believing prayer.*

*We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to  
believers who ask for it.*

*We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling, the  
christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. Amen.*

THE SELECTION ..... *The Northern California First Jurisdictional Choir*

THE TRIBUTES (3 Minutes)

*The Acknowledgement of Visiting Clergy and Guest*

*The Northern California First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*

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*The Board of Bishops* ..... *The Bishop L. T. Walker  
Chairman*

*The General Church* ..... *The Bishop W. W. Hamilton  
General Secretary*

*The Office of the Presiding Bishop* ..... *The Bishop H. Jenkins Bell  
Adjutant General*

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

THE SERMONIC HYMN ..... *The Choir and Congregation*

*"Amazing Grace"*

THE EULOGY ..... *The Most Reverend Chandler David Owens  
Church of God in Christ  
Presiding Bishop*

**\*THE RECESSIONAL**

*Assisting Officials  
Members of the General Board*

*The Bishop J. Neaul Haynes  
First Assistant Presiding Bishop  
The Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr.  
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop  
The Bishop Cleveland Landis Anderson  
Assistant Presiding Bishop Emeritus  
The Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks  
Secretary  
The Bishop Samuel L. Green  
Assistant Secretary  
The Bishop LeRoy Anderson  
The Bishop Charles Edward Blake  
The Bishop Levi E. Willis, Sr.  
The Bishop Roy Lawrence Hailey Winbush  
The Bishop Ithiel Clemmons  
The Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson*

**INTERMENT**  
*Olivet Memorial Park  
Colena, California*

**FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:**  
*California Funeral Service  
San Francisco, California*

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The Family of the late Bishop Lonnie Cornelius Patton, Jr.  
wishes to express their thanks for every act of kindness  
expressed during their time of loss.*

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**  
*The Board of Bishops  
Church of God in Christ*

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**  
*Superintendents, Pastors, and Elders  
Northern California First Jurisdiction*



## -THE OBITUARY-

The Angel of the Lord came to the bedside of Bishop Lonnie Cornelius Patton, Jr. and summoned him to sleep Thursday, July 16, 1998 at 2:27 AM. He was the born August 14, 1935. He was the third child born to the late Mr. Lonnie Patton, Sr. and Mother Anna Byrd Patton, State Supervisor of Tennessee First Jurisdiction, Memphis, Tennessee.

He attended the White Chapel Grammar School and Geeter High School Memphis, Tennessee. He later attended the Shiloh Bible College where he received an Associate and a Bachelor of Theology Degree.

In April 1957, he was united in holy matrimony to the former Barbara Jean Braxton. He is the father of eight children.

At an early age Bishop Patton accepted the Lord as his Savior. He was a member of the Darwin Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Roosevelt Jackson. There he served faithfully as musician, YPWW President, and Tuesday Night Youth Leader. Bishop Patton was renowned for his singing and guitar playing. He was a former musician for the Southern Jubilees, the Spirit of Memphis, the Sunset Travelers and the Original 5 Blind Boys of Mississippi.

On fire for God, Bishop Patton moved to Indiana where he stayed with his cousin, Elder Willie B. Laird. While there, he was often selected to conduct and enhance revival services. He frequently played several instruments including his personally made electric guitar. After evangelizing in this area, he returned to Memphis.

He was ordained an elder in the Church of God in Christ at the hand of the late Bishop A. B. McEwen in May of 1959. He began his pastoral ministry at the Burning Bush Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Tennessee. He relocated to San Francisco, California on March 20, 1966 and was appointed pastor of the Jerusalem Church of God in Christ by the late Bishop E. B. Stewart.

For 32 years, Jerusalem Church was under the leadership of Bishop Patton. Beginning with only three members, Bishop Patton worked diligently to build the work. Under his ministry many people received salvation, healing, financial blessings, and life enhancing experiences. Because of his undaunted leadership, the church has been blessed to liquidate two mortgages ahead of schedule and purchase additional property.

On October 19, 1996, he was consecrated to the Sacred Office of Bishop and installed as Jurisdictional Prelate of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Northern California. This elevation was the culmination of years of service and duty as YPWW President, Youth Pastor, Evangelist, Pastor, District Superintendent, State Evangelist, State Executive Board Member, Second Administrative Assistant.

The final chapter in the Book of life of Bishop Lonnie Cornelius Patton, Jr. has been completed. He has made his final voyage through life's troubled water to the peaceful shores of eternity. A gospel preacher, civic and community leader, he dedicated his life to the ministry through prayer, service and commitment. He leaves to celebrate his homegoing his devoted wife, Missionary Barbara B. Patton; granddaughter, Alexis B. Patton; children, Gregory Patton, Sherlistine Keys, Elder Cedric Canada, Elder Ricky Brown, Elder Don Phillips, Apostle Saint Samuel Vann, Mechelle Gilford, and Kimbly Patton; brothers, Supt. Charles Patton, Mr. Robert Patton and Mr. Willie B. Patton; sisters, Mrs. Lena P. Kendrick, Mrs. Willie Grace Cage, Mrs. Norman-Jean Patton McConnell, Mrs. Barbara McDonald, and Mrs. Alene McCrackin; extended family, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Braxton, Mr. Nello Jefferson, Rev. & Mrs. Robert Patton, Mrs. Lillian Bradley, Elder Leroy Dunning; a host of other relatives and friends to include the Jerusalem Church of God in Christ family and the Northern California First Jurisdiction whose lives are richer because he lived.

### We'll Understand It Better By and By

Arr. R. E. Winsett

1. Here we're of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time.  
 2. We are of - ten des - ti - tute of the things that life de - mands.  
 3. Tri - als hard on ev - ry hand, and we can - not un - der - stand.  
 4. Here temp - ta - tion's hid - den snare of - ten takes us un - a - ware.

Roll - ing clouds and howl - ing tem - pest oft suc - ceed a bright sun - shine;  
 Want of shel - ter and of food, with thirs - ty hills and bar - ren land;  
 All the ways that God will lead us to that bless - ed prom - ised land;  
 And our hearts are made to bleed by some tho't - less word or deed.

In that land of per - fect day, when the mist is rolled a - way,  
 But we're trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to His word,  
 But He'll guide us with His eye, and we'll fol - low till we die,  
 And we won - der why the test when we try to do our best.

**FINE CHORUS**

We will un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by.  
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 But will un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by.

D. S. - And we'll un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by. D. S.

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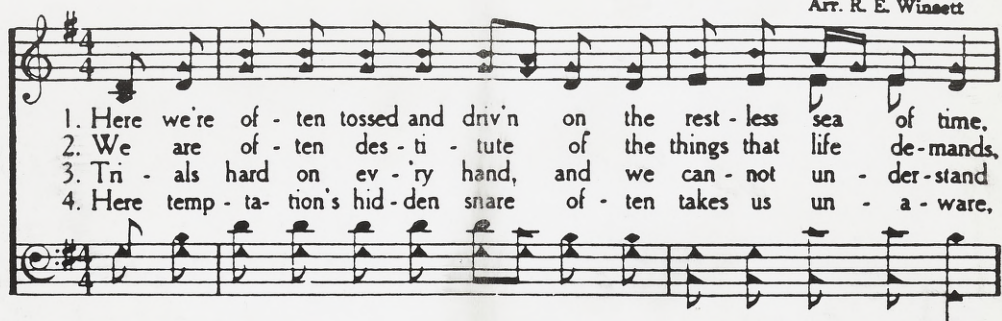
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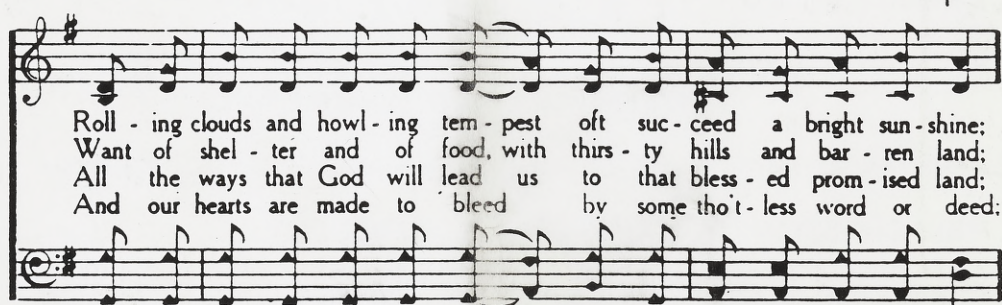


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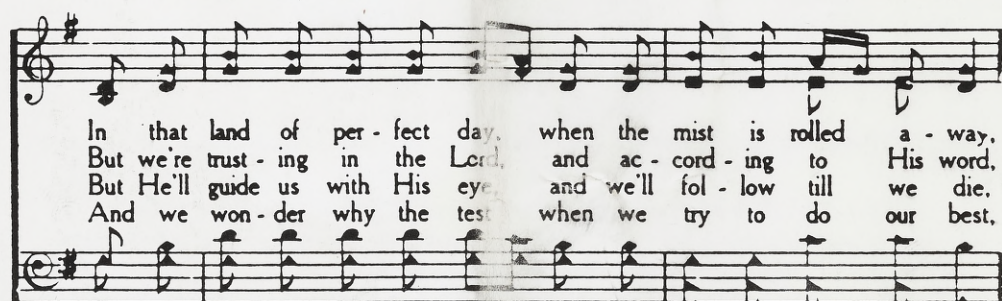
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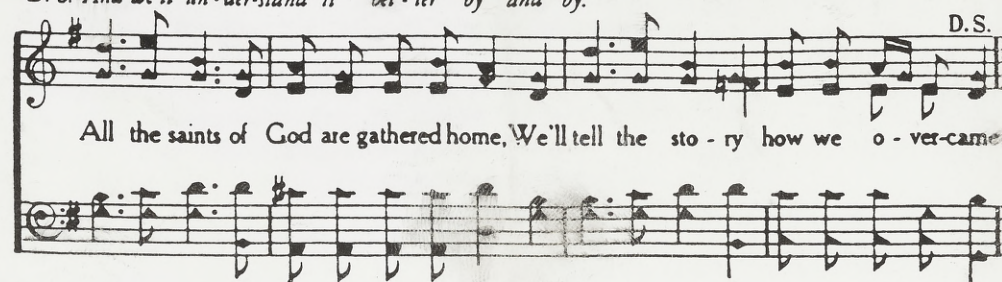


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# *Bishop L. C. Patton*



*Wednesday, July 22, 1998*  
*6:00 PM*

*A Daughter's Tribute*  
*Final Notations*





*From  
the  
← Hospital  
to  
Rehabilitation  
↓*



←  
Back to church after  
Kentfield Rehab Hospital  
Preaching from the wheel chair



Dear Paw Paw,

The writer Robert Frost once said that half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it. Today I find myself in the dilemma of finding suitable words to describe my present feelings. I alternate between emotions of passion and sadness, and of anger and gladness.

I am passionate, Paw Paw. Your most honored position as my father is being threatened. The louder I shout, "he was my father", the louder a chorus of voices shout, "He was my brother"; "He was my friend"; "He was my pastor"; "He was my bishop". You will forever be caught up in the stories and memories of all who have had the opportunity to be a part of your life. They are just as passionate in claiming you as I am. It is very evident that now you belong to the universe.

I am sad, Paw Paw. We were so interconnected that I feel lost and confused. My waking and sleeping schedule still belong to you. I am so used to sleeping in a chair facing your hospital bed with your left hand in my left hand. When you left me on July 16, 1998 at 2:27 AM you let go of my hand, Paw Paw. Even after death, I refused to let go of your hand.

I am angry, Paw Paw. You left me here. You, who were always present, always a part of every aspect of my life, will not be here any longer. Who will I turn to? Who will I fight with? What earthly father will be there for me?

But, I am also glad, Paw Paw. From you I know I have a heavenly father who watches over me. I can now rejoice and be glad because you are one with the Lord. Even though I still cry, I can also be glad to have been a part of the man called Bishop L. C. Patton.

I miss you already, Paw Paw.

Love Always, Kim





Kim  
and  
Greg  
-1965-

getting  
ready  
for  
church  
(notice the  
hair style)



PHONE WH 8-8027

**Eld. Lonnie Patton**

1791 BLAIR HUNT DR..

MEMPHIS 9, TENN.

BURNING BUSH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Dad's first church business card  
of the first church he pastored  
in Memphis, Tennessee

Kim,  
Greg,  
and  
Dad

-Feb. 1965-



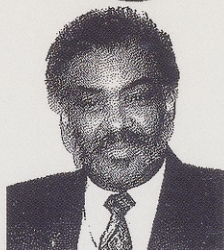
Dad's delegate card showing  
his title as "bishop"

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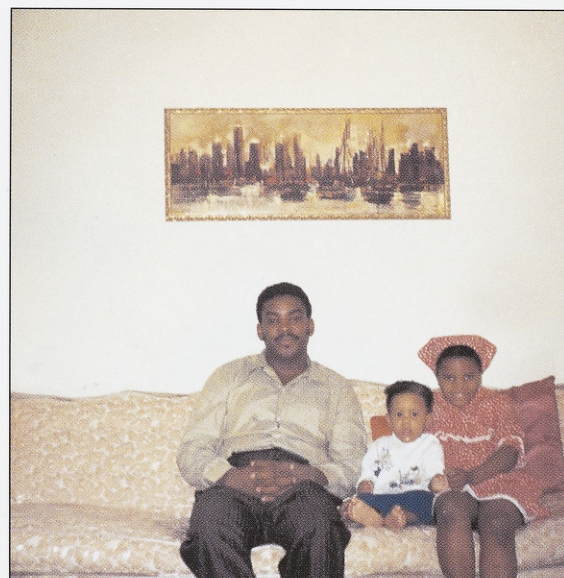
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Presiding Bishop  
Chmn. Gen. Assembly  
General Secretary

**L. C. PATTON**  
**BISHOP**



Dad,  
Greg,  
and  
Kim  
-Feb. 1966-







My maternal grandmother,  
Velma Booker, visiting  
Jerusalem church at  
1819 Sutter Street in Sept. 1968



Young Pastor Patton



Eld. Warren,  
Dad's  
assistant pastor,  
Dad, Greg,  
and Mother  
Lula Smith













The congregation  
 marched from  
 1819 Sutter Street  
 to  
 901 Divisadero Street

The picture above  
 was taken after  
 the walk in the lobby of  
 901 Divisadero



A few of  
 the members  
 in the new  
 location at  
 901 Divisadero Street





Jerusalem Church of  
God in Christ

901 Divisadero Street  
San Francisco, CA



Kim,  
Mom,  
Greg,  
and  
Dad  
in front  
of the  
original  
pulpit  
at

901 Divisadero Street







New location at  
1660 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA.


The site was purchased and paid off  
in five years, the church also holds  
complete title to:

- 901 Divisadero
- 1604 McAllister
- Additional parking lot and  
garage



I call this picture  
"Prom Night"  
but it is really  
Dad and Mom  
at his birthday  
celebration





**Jerusalem C.O.G.I.C.**  
1660 McAllister St.  
San Francisco, CA 94115

**Church Phones:**  
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(415) 922-1305

**Apostle L.C. Patton**  
PASTOR

**Residence:**  
30 Fairfield Way  
San Francisco, CA 94127

**Home Phone:**  
(415) 334-4283

Dad's new card with new church  
address showing

Apostle L.C. Patton



Bishop  
Marshall  
Q. C.  
Simmons,  
Dad's  
good friend  
and  
brother

